

EXHIBIT A

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY
FORMER BL STORES, INC., *et al.*
(Case No. 24-11967 (JKS))

September 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
AHG / UCC / Lender Issues	0.4	\$816.00
Asset Dispositions	3.7	\$4,957.50
Business Operations	2.0	\$4,080.00
Claims / Creditor Outreach	12.3	\$19,126.00
General Case Administration	10.1	\$18,248.00
Litigation	70.9	\$134,746.00
Plan / Disclosure Statement / Confirmation	0.2	\$408.00
Regulatory / Antitrust / Tax / IP	1.2	\$2,448.00
Retention DPW: Preparation of Fee Applications, Budgeting	9.8	\$11,171.00
TOTAL	110.6	\$196,000.50¹

¹ This amount reflects a voluntary reduction in fees in the amount of \$1,965.50.

Time Detail By Project			
Name	Date	Hours	Narrative
BC01 AHG/UCC/Lender Issues			
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/17/25	0.4	Attend weekly Creditors Committee update call.
Total BC01 AHG/UCC/Lender Issues		0.4	
BC02 Asset Dispositions			
Bi, Jonathan	09/16/25	0.8	Review and revise name change documents to effect name change (0.4); revise comments from Vorys on same (0.3); review same (0.1).
Bi, Jonathan	09/19/25	1.2	Review name change documents (0.4); revise same (0.6); correspondence with various parties on final documents for name changes workstream (0.2).
Bi, Jonathan	09/21/25	0.1	Review and revise name change documents.
Bi, Jonathan	09/22/25	0.5	Correspondence with Davis Polk team regarding preparation for name change filing (0.2); analyze name change documents (0.2); correspondence regarding name change workstream (0.1).
Bi, Jonathan	09/23/25	0.7	Conduct analysis regarding effecting name changes (0.2); file name change documentation with Ohio Secretary of State (0.4); correspondence with F. Cozen regarding name changes (0.1).
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/23/25	0.4	Emails with Davis Polk team regarding name change and related motion.
Total BC02 Asset Dispositions		3.7	
BC03 Business Operations			
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/10/25	0.4	Call with AlixPartners and Davis Polk regarding Sedgwick.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/25/25	0.9	Prepare for call with AlixPartners (0.4) call with AlixPartners regarding letters of credit and related matters (0.5).
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/26/25	0.7	Prepare for call with AlixPartners (0.2); call with AlixPartners regarding Sedgwick (0.5).
Total BC03 Business Operations		2.0	
BC04 Claims; Creditor Outreach			
Goldberger, Jacob	09/02/25	0.4	Review claims for attorney's fees as administrative expenses.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/04/25	0.1	Correspondence with claimants regarding administrative claim resolutions.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/05/25	0.1	Correspondence with claimants regarding administrative claims.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/05/25	0.5	Emails with counsel to Lipp CDS regarding claim objection.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	09/08/25	1.1	Emails with S. Barilich regarding Lipp CDS letter (0.3); compile and finalize same for filing (0.8).

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Goldberger, Jacob	09/09/25	0.2	Review correspondence from claimants regarding administrative claim resolution.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/10/25	0.4	Correspondence with GBRP and AlixPartners regarding post-close administrative expense reconciliation (0.2); correspondence with holders regarding administrative claims (0.2).
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/10/25	0.8	Correspondence with counsel to claimants (0.5); correspondence with AlixPartners regarding claims (0.3).
Goldberger, Jacob	09/12/25	0.2	Correspondence with claimants regarding administrative claim resolutions.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/15/25	0.1	Correspondence with claimants regarding administrative claims.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/15/25	0.7	Emails with AlixPartners and Davis Polk teams regarding claims matters.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/16/25	0.7	Correspondence with AlixPartners, Big Lots and counterparties regarding administrative claims.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/16/25	0.2	Emails with Davis Polk regarding claims.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/17/25	0.3	Correspondence regarding administrative claimant outreach.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/17/25	0.5	Call with S. Fox regarding Sedgwick claim.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/18/25	1.9	Call with AlixPartners and Big Lots regarding claims distributions and conversion (1.1); review administrative claim requests (0.5); correspondence with claimants and Davis Polk team regarding same (0.3).
Goldberger, Jacob	09/21/25	0.1	Review administrative claim payment timeline.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/22/25	1.0	Calls with AlixPartners, creditors and Unsecured Creditors Committee regarding administrative claim payments.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/24/25	0.3	Review correspondence regarding administrative claim payments (0.2); review notice of administrative claim payments (0.1).
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/24/25	0.4	Emails with claimants regarding claims reconciliation.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/25/25	0.2	Review administrative expense claim outreach from creditors.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/26/25	0.2	Review administrative expense claim correspondence from creditors.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/26/25	0.4	Emails with claimants regarding claims reconciliations.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/29/25	0.3	Emails with claimholders regarding claims reconciliation.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/30/25	0.3	Review administrative expense claim resolution emails.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/30/25	0.9	Emails with claimholders regarding reconciliations (0.4); emails with AlixPartners regarding administrative claims (0.3); emails with J. Goldberger regarding same (0.2).
Total BC04 Claims; Creditor Outreach		12.3	
BC10 General Case Administration			
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/02/25	1.0	Call with K. Winiarski regarding case status (0.2); update conference with A. Shpeen (0.2); call regarding case timeline with AlixPartners, Big Lots and Davis Polk (0.6).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	09/02/25	1.3	Review and revise case calendar and workstreams chart (0.7); emails with S. Piraino regarding same (0.3); call with Big Lots and AlixPartners teams regarding case timing (0.3).

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Name	Date	Hours	Narrative
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/05/25	1.3	Update workstreams chart (0.6); review case timeline (0.7).
Goldberger, Jacob	09/07/25	0.1	Correspondence with S. Piraino and K. Winiarski regarding workstreams meeting.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/08/25	0.3	Attend workstreams call with Davis Polk team.
Resnick, Brian M.	09/08/25	0.4	Call with Davis Polk team regarding various workstreams.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	09/08/25	0.5	Attend workstreams call with Davis Polk team.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/09/25	0.3	Attend workstreams call with S. Piraino and K. Winiarski.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/09/25	1.0	Prepare for workstreams meeting (0.5); attend same (0.5).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	09/09/25	0.8	Call with E. Feuerman regarding workstreams (0.5); call with S. Piraino and J. Goldberger regarding workstreams (0.3).
Goldberger, Jacob	09/11/25	0.3	Attend Davis Polk workstreams call.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/11/25	1.4	Prepare for Davis Polk workstreams meeting (1.0); attend Davis Polk workstreams meeting (0.4).
Shpeen, Adam L.	09/11/25	0.4	Attend workstreams call with Davis Polk team.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/18/25	1.0	Call with Big Lots and AlixPartners teams regarding case timeline.
Total BC10 General Case Administration		10.1	
BC12 Litigation			
Brock, Matthew R.	09/01/25	0.2	Emails with A. Shpeen regarding settlement agreement.
Resnick, Brian M.	09/01/25	0.2	Emails with Davis Polk team regarding settlement agreement.
Brock, Matthew R.	09/02/25	0.4	Call with Katten regarding settlement agreement.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/02/25	0.4	Call with Big Lots, Vorys Sater and Gibbs & Bruns regarding settlement.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/02/25	0.3	Call with Katten and Davis Polk teams regarding settlement.
Shpeen, Adam L.	09/02/25	1.0	Call with R. Robins, AlixPartners team and Davis Polk team regarding case calendar (0.5); call with Katten team regarding 9019 motion (0.5).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	09/02/25	1.6	Review and revise interchange 9019 motion (0.5); call with Vorys Sater and Gibbs & Bruns regarding same (0.4); emails with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.2); call with Katten team regarding settlement (0.5).
Brock, Matthew R.	09/03/25	0.2	Emails with Big Lots regarding automatic stay.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/04/25	0.2	Emails with Davis Polk team regarding settlement agreement.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/05/25	1.3	Calls and emails with Katten regarding settlement agreement (0.4); emails with Davis Polk regarding settlement agreement (0.2); review settlement agreement (0.7).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	09/05/25	2.8	Review and revise motion to approve settlement (2.5); emails with S. Piraino and M. Brock regarding same (0.3).
Brock, Matthew R.	09/08/25	1.1	Revise 9019 motion (0.8); emails with S. Piraino, K. Winiarski, and Davis Polk team regarding same (0.3).

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Piraino, Stephen D.	09/08/25	5.6	Review and edit settlement agreement motion (2.9); further review and revise settlement motion (0.8); emails with E. LaPuma regarding same (0.4); emails and calls with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.9); review and edit settlement agreement (0.3); review Lipp CDS letter (0.2); emails with K. Winiarski regarding same (0.1).
Shpeen, Adam L.	09/08/25	1.6	Attend workstreams call with Davis Polk team (0.3); review and revise 9019 motion (1.3).
Winiarski, Kevin L.	09/08/25	3.1	Review and revise 9019 motion to approve settlement (0.7); incorporate comments on same from S. Piraino and M. Brock (1.0); email same to A. Shpeen (0.1); incorporate comments on same from A. Shpeen (1.3).
Brock, Matthew R.	09/09/25	1.5	Call with movant regarding automatic stay (0.1); prepare for same (0.2); call with J. McClammy regarding same (0.1); emails with J. McClammy, Big Lots, and Davis Polk team regarding same (0.2); emails with Big Lots, S. Piraino, and others regarding 9019 motion (0.2); revise same (0.4) call with Big Lots and others regarding same (0.3).
Goldberger, Jacob	09/09/25	0.1	Correspondence with Davis Polk team regarding settlement motion.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/09/25	2.2	Prepare for call regarding settlement agreement (0.5); call with E. LaPuma regarding settlement agreement (0.5); calls and emails with Davis Polk team regarding settlement motion (0.3); review and revise settlement motion (0.7); emails with R. Robins regarding settlement motion (0.2).
Resnick, Brian M.	09/09/25	1.1	Review motion to approve 9019 settlement (0.7); call with E. LaPuma regarding declaration for same (0.4).
Shpeen, Adam L.	09/09/25	1.0	Review draft of 9019 settlement motion.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	09/09/25	1.5	Review and revise 9019 motion to incorporate A. Shpeen and M. Brock comments (1.2); emails with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.3).
Brock, Matthew R.	09/10/25	0.6	Emails with Big Lots, J. McClammy, and S. Piraino regarding insurance issues (0.3); call with Big Lots and others regarding 9019 motion (0.3).
Goldberger, Jacob	09/10/25	0.8	Call with AlixPartners regarding Sedgwick motion (0.3); call with R. Robins regarding settlement (0.3); correspondence with Morris Nichols regarding same (0.2).
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/10/25	2.4	Review and edit settlement motion (1.5); call with R. Robins regarding same (0.4); calls and emails with Davis Polk and Katten regarding settlement motion (0.5).
Brock, Matthew R.	09/11/25	0.5	Emails with J. McClammy regarding automatic stay (0.2); emails with S. Piraino regarding settlement (0.1); call with Katten regarding same (0.2).
Goldberger, Jacob	09/11/25	1.1	Revise settlement motions (0.7); correspondence with Big Lots, Vorys, S. Piraino and Morris Nichols regarding same (0.4).
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/11/25	3.7	Review and edit settlement motion (1.9); review and edit sealing motion for interchange settlement (0.5); correspondence with Morris Nichols and J. Goldberger regarding sealing (0.9); correspondence with Davis Polk team regarding settlement agreement (0.4).

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Goldberger, Jacob	09/12/25	1.1	Finalize settlement motion (0.8); correspondence with Morris Nichols and S. Piraino regarding same (0.3).
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/12/25	2.9	Finalize settlement motion (1.3); calls and emails with Morris Nichols and litigation counsel to finalize motion (0.8); correspondence with Unsecured Creditors Committee regarding interchange (0.4); review comments to sealing regarding interchange motion (0.4).
Resnick, Brian M.	09/12/25	0.3	Review comments to 9019 settlement motion.
Brock, Matthew R.	09/15/25	1.9	Call with J. McClammy, B. Resnick, A. Shpeen, and S. Piraino regarding settlement (0.5); call with Katten and others regarding same (0.5); emails with J. McClammy, B. Resnick, A. Shpeen, S. Piraino, and others regarding same (0.4); revise settlement agreement (0.4); emails with A. Shpeen, B. Resnick, and others regarding 9019 motion (0.1).
Goldberger, Jacob	09/15/25	1.5	Revise settlement motion (0.6); correspondence with counterparties and Davis Polk team regarding same (0.9).
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/15/25	3.0	Review and edit settlement motion (1.2); calls and emails with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.7); call with Katten regarding settlement (0.4); review Committee materials regarding settlement (0.7).
Resnick, Brian M.	09/15/25	2.4	Review motion to approve director and officer settlement (0.3); review Unsecured Creditors Committee pleading in support of same (0.4); calls with Davis Polk team regarding same (0.6); call with Katten team regarding same (0.4); call with S. Reisman and D. Azman regarding same (0.2); follow-up call with S. Reisman regarding same (0.2); review Katten revisions to Creditors Committee pleading (0.3).
Shpeen, Adam L.	09/15/25	4.4	Review Creditors Committee report (2.8); review Katten comments to same (0.4); calls internally regarding same (0.8); call with Katten regarding same (0.4).
Brock, Matthew R.	09/16/25	0.6	Call with J. Goldberger regarding settlement (0.1); review revised filings for same (0.2); emails with A. Shpeen, B. Resnick, and others regarding 9019 motion (0.3).
Goldberger, Jacob	09/16/25	2.8	Review and revise settlement motions (1.8); correspondence with Davis Polk team, Big Lots, AlixPartners and counterparties regarding same (1.0).
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/16/25	3.3	Call with R. Robins regarding interchange (0.3); emails with R. Robins and GBRP regarding same (0.2); correspondence with Davis Polk team, Katten, and Unsecured Creditors Committee regarding settlement agreement (1.3); review settlement agreement motion (0.8); review settlement agreement and related documents (0.7).
Resnick, Brian M.	09/16/25	0.9	Emails with Davis Polk, McDermott Will, and Katten teams regarding motion to approve settlement and related pleadings.
Brock, Matthew R.	09/17/25	0.5	Emails with AIG regarding automatic stay (0.1); emails with Davis Polk team regarding 9019 motion (0.4).

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Goldberger, Jacob	09/17/25	2.0	Correspondence with S. Piraino, Katten, Morris Nichols, Creditors Committee and Big Lots regarding settlement (1.2); revise same (0.8).
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/17/25	1.9	Finalize settlement agreement and motion (0.9); calls with Katten and Davis Polk teams regarding same (0.8); emails with Creditors Committee regarding same (0.2).
Resnick, Brian M.	09/17/25	0.3	Emails regarding finalization of 9019 motion.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/18/25	0.2	Correspondence with counterparties regarding Settlement.
Shpeen, Adam L.	09/18/25	0.5	Call with S. Piraino regarding next steps regarding various motions.
Brock, Matthew R.	09/22/25	1.1	Revise stipulations regarding automatic stay (0.5); emails with Big Lots and J. McClammy regarding same (0.5); emails with R. Robins regarding automatic stay (0.1).
Brock, Matthew R.	09/24/25	0.4	Emails with Big Lots regarding automatic stay.
Brock, Matthew R.	09/25/25	0.3	Emails with Big Lots, Starr, and J. McClammy regarding automatic stay.
Goldberger, Jacob	09/25/25	0.8	Call with counsel to Sedgwick regarding motion to compel (0.4); correspondence with AlixPartners, S. Piraino and counterparties regarding administrative claims (0.4).
Brock, Matthew R.	09/26/25	0.3	Emails with movants and others regarding automatic stay.
Brock, Matthew R.	09/29/25	0.1	Emails with movants and J. McClammy regarding automatic stay.
Brock, Matthew R.	09/30/25	0.5	Emails with J. McClammy and Morris Nichols regarding automatic stay (0.3); draft stipulation lifting same (0.2).
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/30/25	0.4	Emails with Vorys regarding interchange settlement (0.2); emails with Katten regarding 9019 (0.2).
Total BC12 Litigation		70.9	
BC13 Plan; Disclosure Statement; Confirmation			
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/04/25	0.2	Emails with K. Winiarski regarding exclusivity.
Total BC13 Plan; Disclosure Statement; Confirmation		0.2	
BC14 Regulatory; Antitrust; Tax; IP			
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/17/25	0.7	Call with Big Lots and AlixPartners teams regarding tax matters.
Piraino, Stephen D.	09/30/25	0.5	Emails with S. Fox regarding tax matter (0.2); emails with B. Green regarding tax matter (0.3).
Total BC14 Regulatory; Antitrust; Tax; IP		1.2	
BC16 Retention DPW: Preparation of Fee Applications, Budgeting			
Winiarski, Kevin L.	09/02/25	1.4	Review and revise July fee statement (1.1); emails with B. Resnick and A. Shpeen regarding same (0.3).
Resnick, Brian M.	09/03/25	0.2	Review Davis Polk July month fee statement.
Winiarski, Kevin L.	09/03/25	0.7	Review and finalize July fee statement.
Feuerman, Eli	09/08/25	0.4	Correspondence with D. Shirley regarding August invoices.
Feuerman, Eli	09/09/25	4.9	Review and revise August billing detail for privilege and confidentiality (4.6); meet with K. Winiarski to discuss coverage (0.3).

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Name	Date	Hours	Narrative
Feuerman, Eli	09/10/25	2.1	Review and revise August billing detail for privilege and confidentiality (1.9); send same to K. Winiarski (0.2).
Goldberger, Jacob	09/15/25	0.1	Correspondence with L. Thomas regarding LEDES information.
Total BC16 Retention DPW: Preparation of Fee Applications, Budgeting		9.8	
TOTAL		110.6	